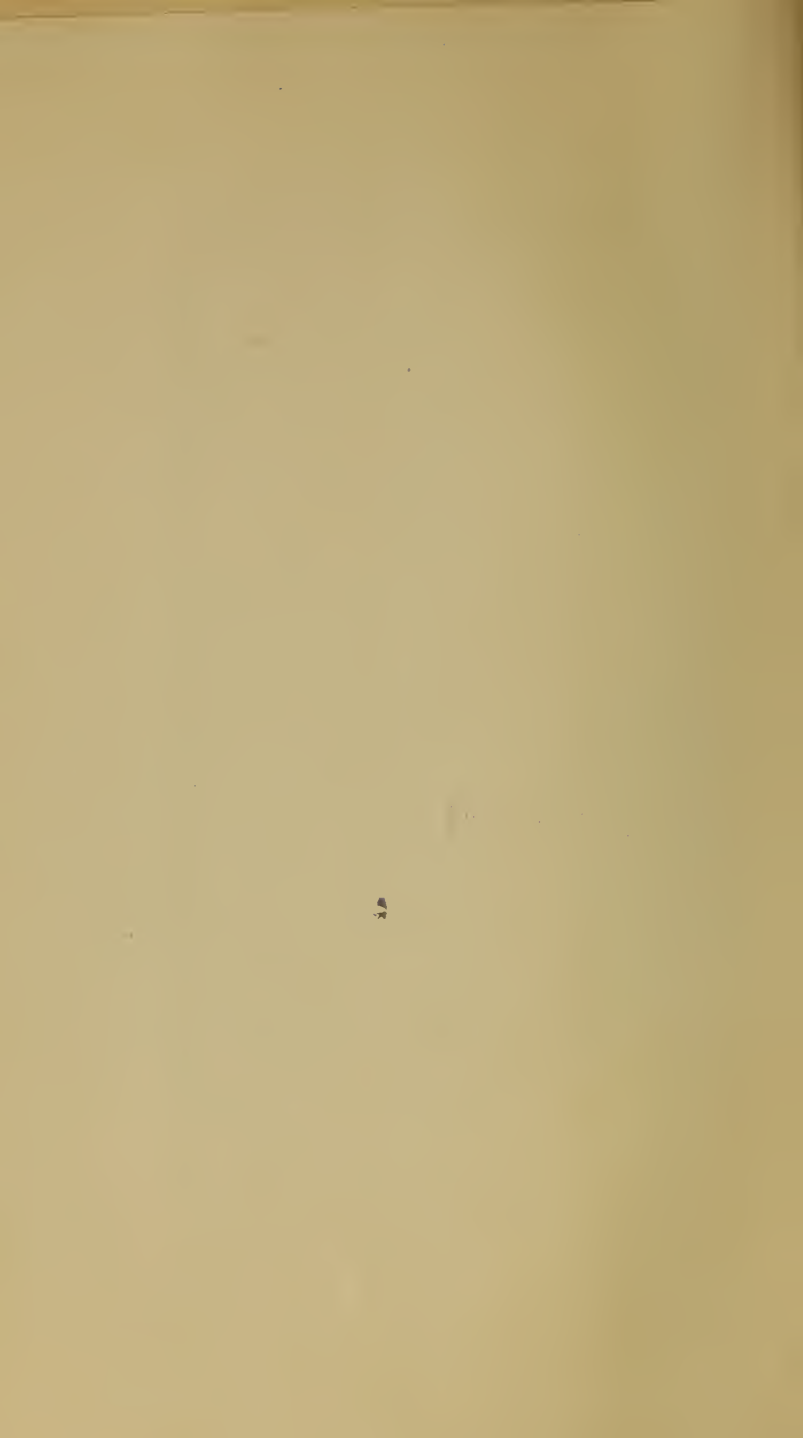


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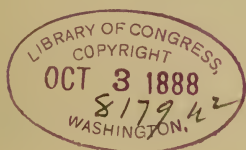
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BLOSSOMING trees, and birds and
brooks,

Sunshine and flowers gay,

Make happy, make happy the beautiful
hours,

All in your own sweet way.

Sway your trees in the morning breeze,

Scatter your blossoms down;

Rustle your leaves, while the sunlight's
shen

Goldens your silken gown.

AND sing, birds!—give to the day
The glint of your plumage rare;
Pipe and twitter, and cherrily sing,
Till melody fill the air.

Trill little brooks, on your gladsome way;
Prattle along your flow;
While the ripples dance, and pebbles
glance,
And the wild flowers laugh as
you go.

AND sunbeams tripping with lightsome
step

Merrily to and fro,

Gild the flowers, and tip the stream

With sparkles, all aglow.

And all you dainty flowers, wear

Your loveliest gowns to-day;

With sweetest breath of perfume lade

The breezes for their way.

BE glad and beautiful all things fair.

The cherished day proclaim,

For each returning year, a pearl

Adds to the golden chain,

That binds a gentle one to earth:

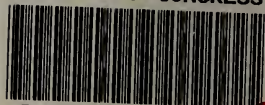
So then in love unite

With all of earth most beautiful,

To make her birthday bright.

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